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Helping turtles is a 'responsibility'

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

You only need to have a heart to help. With Haliburton County being among the last strongholds for turtles in this province, there is responsibility to everyone in the Highlands to preserve the turtle population today and for generations of tomorrow. The importance can't be overstated for Turtle Guardians representative Leora Berman, who is passionate about helping all animals, particularly turtles.

"It is a responsibility to look after the species because this is the last footing in Ontario," she said, referring to the Land Between – a bioregion that extends from the Georgian Bay Coast to the Ottawa Valley. "Also, the turtle is the foundation of our fish and wildlife. It is a foundational species. It is called a keystone species. It is a foundation of fish and wildlife and of different ecosystem services like water filtration and water supply, meaning if the turtle, which is holding up all these little food chains, if the turtle is at risk and its population is disappearing that means the rest of the fish and wildlife that depend on the turtle [for] their survival is very tenuous. So, if you work to save the turtle, you'll also be saving lake trout, bass, moose, beavers, muskrats. If the turtle disappears, all those species suffer."

She said this understanding is important for people, who have killed turtles

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One final donation

Halls Lake resident Ron Henselwood has blood drawn at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton during the last blood donation clinic held in Haliburton on Monday, July 5. The clinic will no longer be held in Haliburton due to several factors, such as collection and cost of labour and transportation. The final event exceeded its target of 58 units of blood with 59. Each unit is 450 millilitres of blood. There were 79 individuals pre-registered for the clinic. There has been more than three decades of donation clinics held in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

Ontario to move into Step 3, largely reopen on Friday

MIKE BAKER

Editor

The next step in Ontario's COVID-19 recovery will be ushered in on Friday,

July 16 in a move that will see indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities, cinemas, museums and casinos reopen, and restrictions removed for all indoor dining, retail and personal care businesses.

In an announcement on Friday, July 9

Premier Doug Ford said he had no problems easing restrictions a few days early – Ontario was originally slated to move to Step 3 on July 21 – due to the province's strong vaccination numbers, with around

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New Green EDA hoping to inspire change ahead of upcoming elections

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Almost three decades after first fielding a candidate in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding, the Green Party of Canada now has an established local Electoral District Association [EDA].

EDAs are sanctioned administrative organizations that facilitate party and community building activities at the riding level. Essentially, they assist candidates throughout the election process, and then, once elections are over, ensure their party maintains a presence in the community.

Karen Hillis and Tom Regina are the faces behind this new movement in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. The pair joined forces back in the spring in an attempt to inspire change and help the Greens gain some real foothold in the Highlands.

"We think interest in the Green Party and this platform is increasing across not only our riding, but provincially and federally as well. I think this is an organic response," Hillis said, answering a question as to why now was the right time for the party to establish an official EDA.

"For a lot of people, the environment and what's happening to the environment is very visible, very palpable," she added. "When you look at what's happening outside – it snowed on May 26 this year, when two days prior to that it had been 32 degrees [Celsius]. People are noticing these fluctuations, they can see the environmental concerns in our riding and I think they're waking up and saying 'wait a second, this is happening, we've got to do something about it'."

According to statistics provided by Elections Canada, the Green Party first ran a candidate in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the 1984 federal election, with George K. Kerr recording 339 votes, good enough for 0.7 per cent of the popular vote in the riding.

At that point, the Greens were a fringe party with a skeleton crew of volunteers.

Twenty years would pass before the local riding would see another Green candidate. By this time, in the fall of 2004, the party was more established and, with scientists starting to shine a light on the global climate crisis and citizens becoming more environmentally aware, people began taking notice.

Tim Holland secured 2,637 votes [4.7 per cent] in 2004, Andy Harjula received 3,017 votes [5 per cent] in 2006, and Michael Bell recorded 4,505 votes [8.3 per cent] in 2008. All of a sudden, this was a party showing real signs of progression.

In the most recent federal election, in 2019, Elizabeth Fraser put up the best Green performance in the riding's history, receiving 5,515 votes, good enough for 8.4 per cent of the popular vote locally.

Hillis says that most recent performance coincided with a nationwide movement that culminated with the election of three Green Party representatives – long-time now former leader Elizabeth May in the riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands in British Columbia, Paul Manly in Nanaimo-Ladysmith in British Columbia, and Jenica Atwin in the riding of Fredericton in New Brunswick.

"That performance was hugely important and inspiring. It gives you hope that there could be a better future," Hillis said.

Since that last election, things have changed drastically for the Greens. In late 2019, May announced she would be stepping down as party leader. A leadership election was held in October 2020, where Toronto-based lawyer and activist Annamie Paul was elected to succeed May. Paul finished second in a 2020 Toronto Centre federal by-election and, to date, does not hold a seat in parliament.

On top of that, one of the party's three elected officials, Jenica Atwin, recently defected from the Greens, crossing



the floor to join the Liberal caucus on June 10. She cited internal party disagreements over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as reason for her departure.

Despite this, Hillis believes the Greens have an "inspirational" leader in Paul, whose presence and ability to speak and connect with people will help push the party forward in the next election.

And, while environmental issues and concerns are chief among the Green Party's priorities, Regina says things have evolved over the years.

"There's obviously a climate crisis that is happening all around us right now, and that, first and foremost, needs to be addressed. But then you look at everything else the Greens are doing and advocating for – more affordable housing, a higher livable income, improvements to long-term care, an expansion to the National Pharmacare Plan, more of a focus on post-secondary education. These are all things that are really, really important and need to happen."

He added, "The Green Party in 2021 has a much broader platform... For a long time, there's almost been this idea that those who support the Greens are a bunch of tree huggers, and there's been this idea that we're a fringe party, lumped in with the likes of the old Rhinoceros Party. But now, we have some staying power. We have some MPs. We have an MPP in Ontario. In Prince Edward Island, the Green Party is the official opposition."

The local association currently has just over 120 registered members. They are currently searching for candidates who would be willing to represent the Greens, both federally and provincially.

Hillis says the party is looking for someone who could serve as the face of the Greens in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for years to come.

"We're looking for candidates right now. We want to get somebody who's dedicated, who will be on the board, get involved and put their face out there for people to see... We want somebody who isn't only going to show up once and then drop the whole thing, we want to have somebody who's going to be here not just for the next election, but the one after that as well," Hillis said. "It takes time to build things up... The areas that have succeeded, and have gotten Green representatives elected, they've had a real strong presence for a long time."

The next federal election is slated to take place on, or before, Oct. 16, 2023.

In the meantime, Hillis and Regina have committed to supporting a provincial association for the similarly named Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding. It's still early days, but they're looking to get a candidate in place as soon as possible given that the next election is less than a year away.

Regina commented that anyone can get involved with the new EDA, whether provincially or federally.

"It doesn't matter if you've never been involved with a political party before. I am more involved in this EDA right now than I ever dreamed I would be, but the interest pulled me in and then, once you're involved, it's easy to do more," Regina said.

"Annamie Paul [recently spoke at the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock EDA annual general meeting] and she mentioned she was searching for and looking to have a diverse group of candidates. That's important to her. There are a lot of people out there who have never thought of being politically active, or taking on a leadership role in their community," he continued. "She said that most people who are in politics come from a legal or a business background, as opposed to from manufacturing jobs, or the teaching or medical profession. This is another way for us to potentially build diversity throughout the party and throughout parliament, by attracting more people from more backgrounds to get involved."

For more information on the new Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Green Party EDA, or to get involved, contact Karen Hillis at info@greenpartyhklb.ca.

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New Rotary president only the third woman to serve in the role

MIKE BAKER

Editor

July 1 was a day to remember for long-time Highlander Heather Phillips as she became only the third woman to be named president of the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Phillips has always had a desire to give back to the community she calls home. Having been involved in various volunteer endeavours as she grew up and got into her career as a local real estate agent, Phillips was introduced to Rotary in late 2018. Looking to increase her community workload, Rotary seemed like a great fit.

"Andrew Hodgson actually suggested to me that I would make a good Rotarian, so I started going to meetings with him in November of 2018, and ultimately made the decision to join in January 2019," Phillips said.

That turned out to be the perfect time for Phillips to get involved, as her very first meeting ended up being a special assembly that highlighted everything the Rotary club was actively working on.

Phillips quickly fitted in, taking on a significant role in Rotary's Welcome Centre project for Head Lake Park. The facility was completed this spring and is now open to the public.

"That was really rewarding working on the capital campaign, getting donations from the community and just watching the bricks and mortar go up. It was really exciting," Phillips said.

As the Rotary year wound down, it became apparent that the club was going to need someone new to step forward as president. Ted Brandon was coming to the end of his term, and the individual that had been previously identified to replace him had to withdraw due to health



Heather Phillips will serve as president of the Haliburton Rotary Club for its 2021/22 year. She is only the third female president in the club's history. / Submitted

problems. That created something of an opportunity for Phillips.

"We were in the position where we needed someone quick, and so Ted and Andrew and a few other people came to me and said even though I'm quite new, they thought I'd be really great as president," Phillips said. "It was pretty daunting at first, I definitely had to think about it, but Ted promised he'd be around to help me out, and it was definitely a great opportunity, so I thought 'hey, why not'."

In truth, the president's role is just like that of any other member – just with a little more paperwork and

speaking engagements sprinkled in, Phillips said.

The local group meets weekly, every Thursday evening.

As Ontario prepares to move into Step 3 of its reopening plan on Friday, COVID-19 restrictions are set to loosen to such a point that community events and activities will be able to resume with decent crowds. Phillips says Rotary is hoping to move forward with some of their usual fundraising events later this year.

"It would be so great to be able to get back to doing what we do best. We have remained active throughout the pandemic, and in fact just recently sold out on our 2021 Annual Car Draw, so that was a huge success. Still, we're hoping to get back to some of our regular events so that we can raise some money and help even more people in our community," Phillips said.

She noted that the club was keen to partner up with Dysart et al once again now that it has an official plan in place for Head Lake Park, to see where else could be upgraded. Aside from that, she's looking forward to Rotary running their beef on a bun fundraiser once again this year, with that event slated to take place on Aug. 4.

In closing, Phillips says she's immensely proud to be only the third female president of the local Rotary club, following in the footsteps of Lynda Shadbolt and Maureen O'Hara.

The Haliburton Rotary Club currently has 27 members, and is always looking to expand. Anyone interested in joining the club is encouraged to check out the Rotary website at www.haliburtonrotary.ca, send an email to haliburtonrotary@gmail.com, or call Phillips directly at 705-754-5760.

"We'd love to have anybody. We're a really diverse club with a lot of great members who have a lot of great ideas," Phillips said. "But we could always use some new ideas and some new people to help push them forward."

Community fundraising efforts in full swing for Tashlin, Williams murals

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Donations are pouring in for the two murals that will depict Haliburton's only Olympian Lesley Tashlin and the community's first pro football player, Taly Williams on the wall at A.J. LaRue Arena.

For the past few months, the Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion class at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School have been working to get Dysart et al to authorize the addition of the two athletes' murals to join the other athletes such as Mike Bradley, Cody Hodgson, Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouse on the wall of fame.

Teacher Marina Thomazo, who has been working on this effort with the JDHES class, is among a small group of adults that are taking the lead with a GoFundMe effort to raise part or all of the \$30,000 estimated to complete the two murals, which will measure 12' high and 18.5' long and be applied to removable panels to ensure their longevity, if the arena is replaced in the near future.

"I think we raised about \$7,000 in one week, so it's pretty amazing," she said, referencing what has been donated online and to the township. "We didn't know at what pace the money will come in and we're still waiting for the quotes from artists too. So, people are waiting

to see how much the artists will cost. I never thought that we will get after one week \$7,000, so it's pretty cool."

Donations can also be made to the township and a charitable donation receipt will be given for donations of more than \$50. Send a cheque to Dysart et al, or make an e-transfer to the town. Send e-transfer funds to ar@dysartet.ca. Follow these steps, which include question: What is the code for the mural wall; answer: mural389; write: 'Mural Wall donation' in the comment section. Once an e-transfer is sent send a second email to ar@dysartet.ca with your full name, including street address plus P.O. Box, if applicable, to be able to receive a charitable donation receipt.

Thomazo said the Trillium Lakelands District School Board did not want to be involved with the fundraising, so the GoFundMe (at ca.gofundme.com/f/help-students-fund-murals-for-tashlin-williams) has been led by her and two other adults, but was launched by the Thomazo and her students in June, coinciding with the end of the school year. This Thursday the adult group will meet to discuss how to garner greater attention to their fundraising efforts.

The township is welcoming submissions from artists to provide a quote to complete the murals.

Part of the RFP process will include an evaluation made by a review sub-committee of the Cultural Resources Committee, which will be comprised of mem-

bers of the CRC such as Jim Blake, representatives from the athletes' family and community members with an arts background. HHSS department head Karen Gervais has submitted her name.

Artists can provide a proposal and quotation for one or both murals. The preferred timeline for completion is from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. Deadline for submissions is Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. Thomazo's hope is that the mural artist selected has experience and skills painting people of colour.

The \$30,000 goal was based on the fact the previous murals cost approximately \$10,000 each, and through research about similar work on this scale, Thomazo said.

"If we aim for \$30,000, even if we don't reach it then you'll cover quite a lot," she said.

Although the work isn't over, Thomazo, like her students, are relieved it was able to get to this stage.

"I'm so happy it went through. We did not give up until we had both being able to get there," she said.



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Live music returning to Abbey Gardens in August

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Live in-person concert will return to Haliburton County next month as Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton County Folk Society partner up to present Music at the Gardens.

The three-day musical extravaganza is jam-packed full of local talent says Janis Parker, one of the lead organizers. Taking place from Aug. 6 to 8, Music at the Gardens will feature more than a dozen artists from all different walks of life and backgrounds.

Friday night [Aug. 6] will see Juno Award winning Aboriginal artist Susan Aglukark take the stage for a multi-song set, before Richard and Lauren Margison close out the show with what Parker says will be an “out of the ordinary” performance.

“Everyone knows the Margisons for their opera, but their show at Abbey Gardens will be different. Richard and Lauren have recently recorded a new CD that encompasses many genres and styles of music,” Parker said.

That CD, titled *Enchantment, a Magical Celebration of Abbey Gardens*, will be on sale at the event.

Saturday [Aug. 7] has two different shows – separate matinee and evening performances. From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tom Regina and Stan Russell will be on stage, with Bill Candy and Roly Platt following up from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets to the matinee are available for \$20.

The Saturday evening show will be



Richard and Lauren Margison will headline the opening night of Music at the Gardens, taking place at Abbey Gardens from Aug. 6 to 8. /Submitted.

headlined by John McDermott, with Jason Fowler and Mark Lalama also performing.

Both the Friday and Saturday evening shows come with a multi-course dinner provided by Abbey Gardens. Tickets for each night are \$125 per person.

Sunday's [Aug. 8] matinee will see Russell-Liorti-Monich Interstellar Funk-

Splosion take the stage from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and Lunar Bloom featuring Jocelyn Regina, and the team of Kelly McNamée and Brittany Robinson performing between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets to this matinee are \$20 per person. Tickets to the Sunday evening show, including performances from Boreal – Katherine Wheatley, and the duo of Tannis Slimmon and

Angie Nussey, are available for \$40.

“It’s really quite fun how all of this came together. There are many things that had to align,” Parker said, pointing to the cancellation of the 2021 Forest Festival, typically held by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, and the willingness of both Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton County Folk Society to collaborate on such a substantial project.

Then, to top it off, Parker called in something of a favour and arranged to have McDermott perform on the Saturday, almost 12 months to the day from when he was supposed to perform for a special 75th anniversary celebration for her company Parker Pad and Printing.

“This whole thing probably came together in around a month. I think it was four weeks ago that I sent the very first email,” Parker informed the *Echo* last Thursday, July 8. “Now I’m just excited. Excited for the music, but more than that I’m excited for the event itself. To be around people again, and to have a good time.”

Parker has managed to secure a luxury tent that will be able to hold around 200 people for the evening events. She hopes to be able to have up to 300 attend the Saturday and Sunday matinees.

A weekend package that includes tickets to all five concerts and both dinners is available for \$300 per person. All tickets can be ordered at abbeygardens.ca/atthegardens.

“I think this is sort of a sign that things are getting back to normal,” Parker said. “Music unites people, and for anyone that loves music, this is an event you’re not going to want to miss.”

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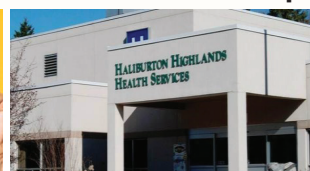
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Renowned Robinson's General Store Celebrates 100th Year Anniversary

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

Robinson's General Store in Dorset is celebrating an important milestone.

As the store turns 100 years old, new owners Mike and Katie Hinbest acknowledged the milestone on July 10 alongside former owner, Brad Robinson.

As of May 1, the couple became owners of Dorset's renowned Robinson's General Store after it had been a business that belonged to seven Robinson generations. Having reached such a significant milestone, Mike and Katie have plans to ensure that the success the store carried for 100 years is properly recognized.

"It's hard with COVID, because we can't really have a planned event, but we are going to decorate the outside. We've got big balloons coming and we ordered cupcakes," said Katie.

The couple also want to celebrate Brad Robinson and his triumphs during his time with the store, "Mike and I plan to present Brad with a picture we are having made by a local artist, Mary An Blythe." The couple presented the picture to Brad during a small celebration on Saturday, July 10.

Mike, Katie, and Brad feel strongly that their store wouldn't run the way it does without their hardworking staff.

"We've been lucky here, in that we've been able to attract a lot of good students. Without those teenagers, we couldn't run the store. Because we hire about 40 students every year. And we don't have 40 people in Dorset looking for two month's work. And it's been a godsend. But one of



Katie and Mike Hinbest standing with former owner Brad Robinson in front of renowned Robinson's General Store, as they prepare to celebrate the store's 100 year anniversary. / GRACE OBORNE Staff

the biggest things we have going for us is the other staff in the store as well. We have, I think, 10 year-round staff," said Brad.

To celebrate the staff and their hard work, Mike and Katie have ordered "Robinson's anniversary" sweaters to be made, along with other little celebratory gifts.

"There will only be 100 made and our staff will all get one, as well as the Robinson family. Then the rest will be for sale at the store to the lucky few who can scoop them up in time!"

To Brad Robinson, the celebration of the store's 100th year reminds him of his father and the aspirations he had for Brad

and the future success of the store.

"Years and years ago, my father said, 'we will make the store so good people will have to come visit,' and basically that is what has happened. We've been lucky that people come from far and wide to see our store."

Since Mike and Katie took ownership of Robinson's General Store, they say that their experience has been nothing short of amazing.

"Yes, it's been crazy busy, but it's been really good. We've both said, how much we enjoy it, and that we look forward to actually getting up in the morning and going to work," Katie noted.

She added, "It feels like it never stops,

but it doesn't feel like work because it's enjoyable. All the employees have also been so welcoming, so it's been a really good transition."

Though the community has embraced and welcomed Mike and Katie, there has been some concern that change in ownership could lead to changes at the store. The Hinbests express that there is absolutely nothing to worry about on that front. They are keen on keeping the Robinson brand and continuing the "Robinson way" about the store.

"Robinson's is the name of Dorset, everybody knows it so I think it would be so stupid of us to change the name. It has such a wonderful legacy in Dorset that we have to keep the name," said Katie.

"The people of Dorset were very, very concerned as to what was going to happen here," Brad expressed. "One of the first things Mike did when he purchased the store was made an announcement saying, 'don't worry, the store is going to stay very much the same as it's always been,' and people have come to me since then and said, 'thank goodness.'"

Mike and Katie are extremely passionate about the Robinson's brand that they also carried it across the bridge to the marina that they own as well – The Robinson's Marina and Powersports.

"We did that because we wanted people to know that we were the same owners as well and carry the consistency for what we want to, hopefully, bring to Dorset to make better for the town," said Katie.

For more information about Robinson's General Store, visit robinsonsgeneralstore.ca

Hospital foundation launches new 50/50 lottery to support equipment purchases

HHHS Foundation is excited to announce a new monthly online 50/50 lottery draw, with 50 per cent of the funds raised going to a monthly winner, and 50 per cent to support local hospital and health care facility equipment needs.

Through a digital technology platform, tickets will be available for purchase online at the Foundation lottery site www.hhhsf5050.ca beginning June 30 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 for 100 ticket numbers, \$10 for 20 ticket numbers, or \$5 for 5 ticket numbers.

After buying their tickets, purchasers will receive a confirmation emailed with their 50/50 registered numbers from a random selection system. The amount of the 50/50 estimated take-home prize for the month will be displayed in real time on the site and will continue to grow as more people participate.

"Following nine successful years of our Cash for Care Lottery, we look forward to engaging with the community in this electronic format to continue to raise much-needed funds for priority capital equipment for Haliburton Highlands Health Services", said Lisa Tompkins, HHHS Foundation Executive Director.

Purchasers must be in the province of Ontario at the time of purchase, and must be 18 years of age or older to participate. For the first draw, tickets will be available for purchase until 11:59 p.m. on July 29, and the first monthly draw will take place on July 30 at 9 a.m., with the winner's information posted on the www.hhhsf5050.ca website, as well as the Foundation's social media platforms Facebook and Instagram.

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In the local construction industry, we are experiencing volumes of work that we have not seen before in Haliburton County.

With the overwhelming workloads, shortage of materials and the complexity of some projects the stress levels are through the roof for most construction business owners and their staff. At times it seems impossible to meet deadlines and commitments.

But none of this work can be done without the hard work of the building departments in our four municipalities. We know the pressures that the staff and particularly the Chief Building Officials (CBO) and inspectors are working under trying to get permits out for both buildings and septs as well as doing site inspections while being overworked and in some areas understaffed.

We, as an industry, appreciate the dedication and professionalism that each and everyone of you bring to your position.

For all your hard work keeping the largest year-round employer working, we want to Thank You. We notice and we appreciate it.

Haliburton County Home Builders Association.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

That summertime feeling

IF ANYONE walking around downtown Haliburton on Friday afternoon heard an accented voice bellowing out the word “freedom” in a loud, over-the-top manner, don’t worry, there wasn’t a live re-enactment of the brutal *Braveheart* scene showcasing William Wallace’s death going on nearby.

Instead, yours truly simply allowed excitement to shine through at the news that Ontario will be moving into Step 3 of its reopening plan as early as this week.

It’s a long time coming, isn’t it.

Aside from a couple of weeks in March, Ontario has been partially under lock and key for the best part of six months. *Six months.* We’ve had to watch on as allies and neighbours all around us have opened up and gone about their day-to-day lives in, well, pretty much normal fashion.

I have friends in the U.S. who don’t know what it is to wear a mask while in public, who have been attending concerts and sporting events since the turn of the year. I have family in the UK who have been allowed to gather for weddings, birthday parties and baby showers. Meanwhile, we here in Ontario have had to gain approval to take two steps outside of our front door.

Okay, it hasn’t been *quite* that bad. But I’m sure you understand my point.

I’ve been secretly calling for the Ontario government to move up its reopening timelines for weeks. I failed to understand why we were being left in Step 1 and Step 2 for so long when the daily numbers of new COVID-19 cases reached almost 12-month lows, and when the inoculation rate for first and second doses of the vaccine long surpassed the levels health officials and Doug Ford himself said they had to reach before we moved forward.

But alas, we are here now. We’re not totally and completely open – there are still limits on the number of people that can attend indoor and outdoor social gatherings, concerts, sporting events and things of that nature. But the key, for me, is that these events, these gatherings are happening again. And that it’s relatively safe for us to attend.

As of press time, around 80 per cent of Ontarians have received one dose of the vaccine, while more than 50 per cent are now totally vaccinated. Those numbers really are a sight for sore eyes, especially when, just a few short months ago, it appeared that our entire summer would be consumed by COVID-19.

Now, we have things to look forward to. Restaurants around the county will be fully operational as of Friday, with patrons once again welcome to dine inside. Cinemas, museums and galleries will reopen. Most importantly, community events can be organized and attended.

Already there’s a concert series planned for Abbey Gardens next month. The Haliburton Rotary Club is getting ready to host its beef on a bun fundraiser, with a few other things potentially in the pipeline. Looking beyond summer, the Haliburton Huskies are getting ready to kick off their inaugural season with a home exhibition on Sept. 18.

Now that we’ve received the fabled thumbs up from the province, I expect things will quickly get back to normal here in the Highlands. We’ve already started to see how busy it can get along Highland Street on Fridays and over the weekend. Now that businesses can reopen as usual, and with more things going on attracting people to the downtown core, that summertime feeling will be here soon enough.

I, for one, can’t wait.



mike
baker

Editorial



Incoming storm

by Darren Lum

Hello hello, Haliburton

My name is Grace and this week is my first week working with the *Echo*. I’ll be here throughout the summer, and I could not be more excited. Despite that excitement, I’m also quite nervous given that this is my first job in the industry. These nerves have made it nearly impossible for me to write this introductory piece. So much so, that I’ve managed to hold down the delete button more than I ever have before.

The saying “you never get a second chance to make a first impression,” is abundantly accurate, which adds a little more pressure to make sure that all goes well.

Working with the *Echo* is an opportunity that came about quickly and unexpectedly. I had been looking for a summer job for some time but had no luck. From the beginning of my search, my parents suggested I look for something that allows me to gain experience in my career path of journalism. After many weeks, I came across a job listing for the *Haliburton Echo/Minden Times*, and it seemed to be a perfect match. Writing is my passion, and people bring me joy. To have the opportunity to integrate the two is something that I’m really excited about. There is something special about listening to people’s stories and writing for a community.

Before I can begin my adventure of writing and sharing your stories, it is only right that I share a little bit of mine.

I was born in Toronto, and raised in Richmond Hill. I come from a loving, supportive, and hardworking family. My father, mother, and two younger brothers are the most hardworking people I know, and are therefore my biggest inspirations in life.

I currently attend Carleton University, in Ottawa, where I am studying, in my opinion, the most compelling profession one can pursue. I’ll be starting my second year this coming September.

Although I’ve enjoyed my studies thus far, the pandemic has really altered my lifestyle. Prior to COVID-19, I surrounded myself with people all the time. Since then, it became more difficult for me to do so, especially while away at school. I found that I spent more time alone than I ever had before. Despite the fact that my social life was at an all-time low, I managed to keep up with my academics and to still make the most of what I had going for me. Now that life



Summer reporter Grace Osborne is the latest addition to The Haliburton County Echo and The Minden Times. Osborne is studying journalism at Carleton University. Welcome her to the community./DARREN LUM Staff

is slowly returning back to normal, I’m excited to take on this job and to meet new people.

I’ve actually spent a lot of my time in Haliburton over the past few years as my boyfriend and his family have a cottage in the community. They have so kindly welcomed me into their home and community with open arms and because of that, I am able to work in-person. Working in-person at the *Echo* is important because it will allow me to gain more journalistic experience.

The *Echo* has a well-deserved reputation for excellence which they continue to uphold and is well known and respected nationwide. I truly enjoy my time spent in Haliburton and the surrounding community. For all these reasons, I am beyond excited and feel honored to work alongside a talented team of journalists.

I’m eager to meet and talk with as many of you as possible over the course of the summer, while keeping at a safe social distance, of course. If you wish to reach out for any reason, whether you have a news recommendation, or would like to simply have a conversation about Haliburton and its good old days or its present, please feel free to reach out anytime at grace@haliburtonpress.com. Being able to listen to what you all have to say is something I look forward to doing.

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points of view

Shear luck

THE OTHER day, after watching Sir Richard Branson's foray and return from space on TV, I could not help but wonder if I might ever get to achieve my own lifelong dream and feel the accompanying elation that he and his crew so obviously felt.

The interesting thing was, later that evening, I found out the answer was, if only for a short time, yes.

You see, on that evening my lawn mower, which I have named Old #@\$ Reliable, ran out of gas halfway through the mowing of our lawn. The difference was, this time, it was not even planned.

Like most men, I had dreamed about this momentous day since boyhood, but I never actually thought that I would be so lucky as to see it. I thought things like that only happened to other people. Yet somewhere in the dim and empty reaches of my mind, I also held out hope.

And suddenly, there it was. I had just cut half the lawn when my lawnmower sputtered to a wonderful, abrupt and gasless end. Just like that, I was left with no plausible way to cut another single blade.

Between you and me, it was pretty well the script for the blockbuster, feel-good movie of the summer. I envisioned Brad Pitt playing the role of me.

Let me tell you, at moments like this, you pinch yourself.

I had every reason to be optimistic too. I knew for a fact

that my gas container was empty – and do not think that didn't make me giddy. Moreover, it was a Sunday night so in my head burned a tiny glimmer of hope that all of our gas stations might have been drained by tourists arriving or going home.

This optimism was more than enough to make me think that one day, when my grandson asked what my greatest ever day was, I would be able to look back on that day and answer with a warm smile.

Sadly, however, it was not to be.

In fact, when I arrived at the gas station, there was still plenty of gas there and there were too many witnesses to go home and pretend otherwise.

Needless to say, they lost a good customer that evening.

All this is to say, it was not to be.

As much as I would have liked this to have a fairy-tale ending, it did not. So, I ended up going home, refilling the lawnmower and cutting the rest of the grass. Whereas, in a fairy-tale ending, when I got home, a handful of lovable dwarves would have already done it for me.

What did I learn?

Well, at times like this, you have to be resilient. So I let go of the past and realized that this was not my day. And, instead of just mourning as my dream slipped away, I told myself that, it would happen in time.

After all, I had done all the right things. I did not refill an empty gas container. I started the job with hardly enough fuel in the tank to do half a lawn. I waited until late Sunday night.

As it turned out, I was just plain unlucky.

Fate did not let me land on eeny, meeny or miny. No sir, on that evening, all it gave me was mow.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

The first Allsaw Church, the inscription reads "My grandfather, on the board, the main person to start building situated on this property. My dad and uncle Ed paddled can you nine miles each week to Halliburton for Minister who was entertained at Grandpa's home." Brought in by grandson Grant Mcracken. This photo originally ran July 2011. We're always looking for pics of the past. Please send them to mike@halliburtonpress.com

letters to the editor

We need to better understand

To the Editor,

As a Canadian – I feel absolutely cheated by the Canadian government and the Catholic Church! We have not been told the truth about the tragedies of our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the development of Canada by colonialism and the Church.

I recently came across the incredible Native Author – Richard Wagamese and one of his books - *One Story, One Song* one I feel every Canadian should read – not only this book but the more than 20 books he wrote!

I have just read my second book by him – *Indian Horse* and am only just beginning my journey of understanding the plight of our Indigenous Canadians.

As a proud Canadian I have always thought we were a solid multi-cultural society – as has been preached to us over and over.....and only now – am I taking a step backwards to reflect the truth of what has happened in our country.....not only

with our Indigenous – but also with the Japanese during WWII.

It is up to us to become informed – so that we can carry the compassion and empathy that is due to our minority groups, and particularly Indigenous Canadians!

I ask our local bookstores – Ashlie's Book Store in Bancroft and Master's Book Store in Haliburton – to order these native and historical native books – particularly by Wagamese and I also ask our Haliburton and Bancroft Libraries – to have these books available.

Canadians need to have an understanding of the generations of sadness, hurt and exploitation caused by our fore-fathers – and yes – by some of us now! We need to reach out and offer our love to our native and minority communities as genuine compassionate Canadians and say – We are sorry from the bottoms of our hearts.

Karen Smith
Haliburton

Time to ban fireworks

To the Editor,

With the rate of which our climate is changing for the worst, I feel that it is beyond time to enact a complete firework ban.

As we watch the extreme weather in the west coast of Canada from Minden, which has experienced an incredibly dry spring with low water levels, it is irresponsible to allow the use of personal fireworks to continue before we end up in a situation like the west coast.

The County, Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA) and the Be Shore groups are advocating for naturalization of our shores to protect our most valued aspect of this area, the water on which we live on. Allowing fireworks to be used and therefore depositing heavy metals into the water is quite contrary to what is being advocated.

Aside from the pollution, there is the increased risk of fires, the strain on the wildlife such as birds abandoning their young, mammals becoming disoriented and running into roads and so much

more. This also strains the good people at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary who tirelessly work to keep our wildlife bountiful despite what others do.

Not only does this affect the wildlife that we share these beautiful lands with but, it affects those that we share our homes with. The noise pollution from fireworks can be triggering to those that served our country suffering from PTSD and also triggering to our furry family members.

As a tax paying 80-year resident of Minden Hills, I have seen great changes in the health of the lake, the wildlife in this area, so I urge Haliburton Council, the local councils to be a leader in the fight against climate change and enact a full ban on the use of personal fireworks. It is time that we put our words into action to protect our environment. I would be more than happy to further discuss this.

Carol Jamieson Hewitt
Minden

Legendary 1934 Haliburton Huskies remembered

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Few people are still around who know a lot about the 1934 Haliburton Huskies, which boasted a roster that included Babe Austin, Earl Austin, Lyle Lucas, Harold Dean, Glen Dart, Gordon Watt, Dick Logan, Oswald Gliddon, Ron J. Curry and Don Dart.

What is known are the documented achievements on the ice, which included capturing cups for winning hockey tournaments around Ontario and uniting the community in fandom, bringing the warmth of comradeship during the coldest time of the year.

There are news clippings of the time, a poem by local Haliburton poet Burleigh Wallace, and an account by sons of players such as teen sensation Glen Dart and the star goalie, Oswald "Ossie" Gliddon.

Bill Gliddon laughs and said in a way he owes his conception to the team's existence.

Gliddon, a Haliburton resident well-known for his generosity and music teaching, said his dad loved hockey and would likely be honoured for being inducted.

"He would be quite honoured. He really would. He got a citizen of the year award at the Legion when he was in his late-70s. He lived hockey. It was his passion and that's where my mom [met] him," he said. "If it wasn't for hockey, I wouldn't be here."

He said his mother, who lived on Barnum Lake, was told about the goalie that she should meet from her older brothers. So for each game she dutifully went to see Ossie play, backstopping the Huskies to many wins.

"In the winter with just summer clothes, just a short skirt. They didn't have money. She would walk up the rail road tracks. That cold arena ... she just died of cold, but did that faithfully," Bill said. "They courted for seven years. It was a long courtship."

Seven years to be exact and, as Bill says, he was about to arrive and some coaxing by his uncles helped to make his dad settle down.

Growing up, Bill said his dad said very little about his hockey days, including when he was 23 and played for the Huskies. Despite not playing hockey, except for on the backyard rink, it was clear to Bill his father loved hockey from how they would always huddle around the radio and listen to *Hockey Night in Canada*.

He remembers people would be complimentary about his father's hockey playing. He made attempts to learn more by asking, but wouldn't get much of a response from the stoic man.

Other people told him about how good his father was like Ron Curry.

"Ron Curry used to tell me when Ron was alive: 'He was one of the stars. We couldn't have won all the games without him, stopping the puck. He had a quick eye,' he said.

In the famous photo of the team pictured above, you can see Gliddon seated and at the centre, where they pose with its seven cups (Durant Cup, Bert Porter Cup, Hughes Cup, Felt Cup, Renfrew Cup and the Carew Cup) in front of the arena. They were proof of the team's dominance of the time, which also included documentation in newspaper articles about beating teams from all over Ontario, including other Haliburton hockey teams



The 1934 Haliburton Huskies is one of the greatest teams to ever come out of this area and is being recognized for their achievements by their induction to the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame. Here in the photo from left at back, George Woods, manager, Grenville Dart, secretary treasurer, Babe Austin, Earl Austin, Lyle Lucas, Harold Dean, Glen Dart, Berkley Feir, executive and W.R. Curry, executive. From left at front, Gordon Watt, Dick Logan, Oswald Gliddon, Ron Curry, and Don Dart pose with trophies: Durant Cup, Bert Porter Cup, Hughes Cup, Felt Cup, Renfrew Trophy and the Carew Cup. Photo submitted

such as the Haliburton Millionaires and the Haliburton Black Hawks.

Roger Dart, who is the nephew of Don Dart and the son of Glen Dart – the Glen Dart Hockey Tournament is named after him, is proud of his dad.

"I think it's an accomplishment that he was able to play with that team at such a young age and it showed his hockey ability. That was a men's team and he was still a teenager. It's a real tribute to my dad and his hockey ability," he said.

Dart said his father died when he was two years old, so didn't get to hear any stories directly from him, but learned stories through his mother and grandmother, as well as other people in town.

Another Hall of Fame inductee Lenny Salvatori told Roger that his father, who he knew well, was the "best of the time and he was a smooth player, always level-headed, a gentleman on and off the ice."

Roger said his father was taking continuing education courses while playing hockey for the Huskies as a teenager.

"He was still going to school there and the big deal was when the Huskies invited him to play with them they let him out of school early to go to practice. The other kids all thought that was a big deal," he said.

The 1934 Huskies won the Durant Cup, which was also known as the Toronto Durant and James Daniel Cup, by defeating the Fenelon Falls Juniors 2 -1 in the

Poetry in motion

*An excerpt from local poet Wallace reads:
Hockey cups are here in plenty,
Looking at them it would seem
There's a cup of some description
For each member of the team.*

*They've a splendid "Bank deposit,"
You'll say its no mean amount,
When you visit Haliburton
See the Huskies "Bank account,"*

*If the place is ever raided,
'Twon't be for the gold that's there,
Robbers would be more attracted
By the Huskies' "silverware."*

Cups a plenty

Ford promises to have Ontario 'booming'

from page 1

79 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose and more than 50 per cent fully vaccinated as of Friday.

"We will have this province booming, similar to what we had before," Ford promised in his remarks.

As of Friday, indoor social gatherings and events can run with up to 25 people in attendance, outdoor social gatherings and events can have up to 100 people attend, and large religious services and other ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals, can happen indoors with physical distancing measures in place.

Indoor dining can resume with no set limit on the number of people per table or in the restaurant, as long as physical distancing can be maintained. Nightclubs and similar businesses will also be permitted to reopen, with a maximum of 250 people, or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is fewer, allowed inside.

Gyms can reopen at 50 per cent capacity, while indoor spectator events, such as sports games and concerts, are

capped at 50 per cent capacity or 1,000 people, depending on which number is smaller. Outdoor spectator limits are capped at 75 per cent capacity or 15,000 people, depending on which number is smaller.

All retail operations can open to whatever capacity limit still allows individuals to maintain two metres of distance between other people, with similar rules in place for personal care services such as barber shops, spas and salons.

Real estate open houses will also be allowed to resume, with capacity limits based on maintaining a safe social distance between attendees.

For the first time in months, indoor cinemas and theatres will also be able to open, albeit at 50 per cent capacity, or a maximum of 1,000 people. Museums, galleries, historical sites, aquariums, zoos, landmarks, botanical gardens, science centres, casinos, bingo halls, amusement parks, fairs and rural exhibitions are permitted to open at 50 per cent capacity indoors and 75 per cent capacity outdoors.

final in March. In the process, the Huskies also won the Renfrew Cup as the winning team of Victoria and Haliburton Counties, as per the *Lindsay Daily Post*. They also captured the Bert Porter Cup, which is also known as the Major A.T. (Bert) Porter Trophy or Bert Porter Memorial and was prestend by the Buck Lake Hunt Club in memory of A.T. Porter for the annual hockey tournament in Haliburton. In Lindsay, the team won the Hughes Cup. It was named after Sam Hughes, who donated the cup in 1911 for the winner among hockey teams in Victoria and Haliburton Counties in Ontario Hockey Association sanctioned games. The team also added the F.J. Carew Challenge Cup and the Felt Challenge Cup, which was donated by A.O. Felt, a Lindsay merchant for what was considered to be among the largest and most valuable hockey prizes, according to the *Lindsay Post*.

The team captured the hearts of virtually every person of the town. The fandom was as much about the sport as it was about civic pride.

Roger said on game nights hundreds of people used to take specially chartered "party trains" for trips down south to watch and cheer the team.

Games often finished quite late and had people returning when the sun was rising. A newspaper article report stated, "around 450 cheering fans accompanied the Huskies down from the north on a special train."

The Huskies will be ceremoniously inducted into the new Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame this autumn as one of three teams, joining the 1956 -1958 Minden Monarchs and the 1970 - 1971 Haliburton Huskies.

“Growing up, when it was time for the first swim of the season, my sisters and I would race across the dock to be first in the lake. And right behind us was Taffy, always thinking we needed rescuing.”

- Pat Williams, Eagle Lake



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Hailey Alden



Hunter Arnott



Lily Austin-Ward



Britney Bain



Tice Barry



Tyson Baumhour



Aaron Bellefleur



Zac Billings

Principal's Address

Parents, friends, distinguished guests, colleagues, and most importantly, graduates. It is my pleasure to be able to provide a few remarks.

J'ai l'honneur et le privilège de partager mon message avec les diplômés, la faculté et la communauté.

Graduates – before I leave you with some reflections and a challenge, first I must thank and recognize a number of people.

As Mr. Brohman, Mr. Williams and Ms. Stephens have so eloquently stated earlier, this is an evening to remember. But before I continue, let us thank those who have spent so many hours preparing this evening's ceremony: to the members of our grad planning committee, office staff, the many teaching staff, support staff, members of our scholarship committee, and our custodians. Without you, this celebration would not be possible. Well done.

Graduates, you will walk across the stage and accept one of the most important documents you may ever receive: your high school diploma. After 4 or 5 years of high school, we celebrate your achievements and are witness to you being honoured.

I know that I speak on behalf of this entire school community when I say that I am very proud of this graduating class. Today is a moment for you to remember forever, with your friends, families and loved ones all likely watching with pride, sharing this moment with you and celebrating the close of a chapter of over 13 years of school and the start of new opportunities, challenges and adventures. Sadly, there are others who are not with us this evening to share in this moment, including Mr. Derek Little, who will be so sorely missed by many.

Graduates, you will soon become Red Hawk Alumni! Remember to model our credo of respect, commitment and responsibility each and every day. We are counting on you and you represent our proud future.

The people of Haliburton County, and its generous donors, have yet again impressed me with the kindness and goodwill in its support for our grad-

uates, despite experiencing the harsh economic circumstances of the last two years. Even in these unprecedented times, all sectors of Haliburton County have given generously to recognize our graduates and to assist them in pursuing their post-secondary dreams and other future pursuits. On behalf of the graduates, staff and parents, I wish to thank every organization, business and individual who have contributed funds to our successful students. These generous actions exemplify the spirit of rewarding, recognizing and honouring success, grit, perseverance and determination.

A few members of our Hal High staff have either left the nest this year already or will be in a few day. We would like to recognize Mrs. Duchene and Mrs. Paton who have retired mid-year and thank them for all they have done for this school and the community. Your hard work has had a positive impact on so many in this graduating class. To Mr Dulong: after the many tire balancings, oil changes, and programming tasks in your computer courses, may you enjoy every moment of a well-deserved retirement!

Alright, alright, graduates, these next few minutes are meant for you.

I know that your parents, families, friends or loved ones have all played integral roles in supporting you over the years. Be sure to thank these key people this evening for without them, some obstacles would have seemed impossible to overcome.

Graduates, I want you to think about your high school journey over the last four years. How you entered Grade 9 and how you are leaving us today. I want you to reflect on the challenges you've faced, whether it be with friendships, relationships, loss, shortened sports seasons, a pandemic. I want you to reflect on how you've grown in many ways through these experiences. Learning about social injustices, and the looming importance of justice equity, inclusion and diversity. Yet, I ask you to also reflect on what you have gained through these experiences-an appreciation of freedom and democracy, where we live and work, connecting with others IN

PERSON and not google meet, and so much more. Be grateful for human connection, for those who mean so much to you.

Let us not dwell on the lockdowns and restrictions. Nor on what we have lost or endured. We can be mindful of these items. But to dwell on them will undermine the tomorrow. The tomorrow which speak of boundless opportunity, dreams, and freedom to explore. To figure it out. That time is your friend. That you have the world in the palm of your hands.

This graduating class exemplifies a strong will, determination, empathy and voice. As I said earlier, you are our future. It will be up to you to make your voices heard. We will need to lean on you to bring us hope, happiness and a better tomorrow. As Simon Sinek, author and inspirational speaker once said, we must be certain of where we are going and to keep an open mind as to how we will get there. There will be many on-ramps and off-ramps on the highway to success. And it's OK. You'll figure it out.

I mentioned that I would have a few reflections for you to think about, and a challenge. The challenge I give you today is to not look at the next 30 days or 30 months. Envision yourself 30 years from now. Write yourself a note with what you want for yourself. What you aspire to be. What you wish to accomplish. But the challenge is not about materialistic things. It is about determining what will bring you happiness.

Now, graduates, we look upon you proudly, the newest class of HHSS alumni. We wish you productive, happy futures. Celebrate your accomplishments. In the world of Instagram, and something called TikTok, so-called life hacks, leave your mark in the world. Do good, be strong, be a difference maker. Respect, commitment and responsibility. We need you more than ever.

Graduates, go safely, walk proudly because you have earned the privilege of joining the ranks of graduates of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

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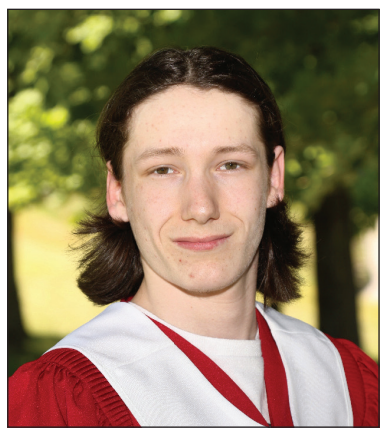
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Thank you very much! Before I begin, I just wanted to say WE MADE IT CLASS OF 2021!

Hello everyone, greetings! It is an honour to stand before you as the valedictorian of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Class of 2021. This is a huge privilege for me to be selected by my fellow graduates as this year's valedictorian, this is an accomplishment I will never forget. While this was most definitely not the graduation format that we had hoped for coming into this new school year, I would nevertheless like to thank the graduation steering committee, for their extraordinary efforts in putting this momentous event together for us.

While you aren't here with me to celebrate in person, we still have to appreciate the importance of this great accomplishment, and I wanted to extend my congratulations to each and every single one of you for making it this far, as I'm sure we all thought we would never make it out of the public school system! This feeling of relief is similar to how I felt when I learned that Mr. Collins was a fan of cards against humanity, and didn't mind that we played in his English class!

Speaking of teachers and staff, I wanted to extend a sincere thank you to them, for always having our backs and genu-

inely wanting us to succeed and make it through high school confidently. We are grateful to them for running the sports and extracurriculars that were the foundation for so many good memories and friendships, for all of the witty comments, the dad jokes, the hilarious outfits and competitions we got to witness on holidays. Most importantly thank you for tolerating us as we turned from wee youths, to the young adults that we are today.

And where would we be without our parents, our backbones, the ones who support us the most, nurture us, care for us, and help us grow into who we are meant to be, and who we are today? We all thank you, love you beyond the words in this speech could ever express. THANK YOU MA AND POPS! Fellow graduates, due to the nature of this virtual graduation, you get to have your parents alongside you during this ceremony, so I implore you to take this second, thank them!

Despite all our love for our parents, in our rush to move on to bigger and better things, it is easy to forget to notice and appreciate the stage we are in, and to acknowledge how much we will miss our parents, and their constant love and support. Now is truly a moment of reflection for all of us, a time to appreciate everything they do and have done, and always

be humble, as I'm sure many of us will find out as we take our leave soon, it won't be the same.

I would also like to take this chance to thank our custodial and maintenance staff, administrative staff, guidance staff, cafeteria staff, and bus drivers for their involvement in making our years at HHSS great - we thank you.

When we first started high school, it seemed like such a huge, alien place, not knowing any teachers, many other students, and getting lost in the maze that is HHSS. We all eventually took a turn in the labyrinth which led us to Mr. Klose's Grade 9 science class, where we all inevitably became lab rats to the "static charge" demo that really energized our first year, and sure grounded me! I think looking back, Grade 9 seems like it was just a few months ago, and though we were told high school was going to be this big change, I think that we all blended in beautifully, and really did make it ours for four years. We were also told that time was going to fly by, and I never bought that going into high school, but it was really true. It really did come to an end so fast, kind of like many of the HHSS volleyball games our talented team played. All jokes aside, high school sports and extracurriculars were important to build



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connections and to have fun all throughout high school. Whether it was playing a home game and having the excitement of your school supporting you, or leaving and visiting another school, to hopefully win on strange turf, it was all exciting.

Although I'm no Brad Pitt, I'm sure that the experiences on stage for extracurriculars were similarly rewarding. Most importantly we had the experiences alongside great peers, coaches, and mentors. The excursions out of the school were all ones that we looked forward to, time away from the stresses of our studies, to just play hard, and let's be real, eat hard afterwards at McDonald's.

As we all progressed through high school, I don't know about the rest of you, but I started to miss our junior years more and more. When we got to Grade 9, all we wanted to do was get older and be in our upper years, you know, where it really counts, but we really should have appreciated those earlier days, before all the added pressure of walking outside and not knowing which one of the dozens of people you knew was going to beg for rides to Tim Hortons. It wasn't as if the caramel ice cap with almond milk was going to change our lives, but I'd be lying if I said I never took the plunge.

Graduates, I would also be lying if I said

that I had been really close with every single one of you through all of our high school years.

There are just too many moving parts in our lives to make that work, kind of like trying to get the perfect basketball out of the bin every time for intramurals. Despite that, however, I do get a sense of community whenever I see one of you. While this ceremony is to remember and celebrate our high school careers, I know that this is really also about launching us off into the next part of our lives. We are going down very different paths. Whether you are going on to post-secondary studies, doing an apprenticeship, or going straight to the workforce, we will all be parting ways to some degree after this graduation, and that is sad to think about. But going through four years of high school together cannot be discounted that simply, because all of the experiences that we have had together are truly binding. And if any of us are going through highs, lows, or just need some advice, or to reminisce, we have an entire community to reach out to, who knows and cares about us. Even though we will all be spreading out far and wide, we all have to remember where we came from, so that we will appreciate the things we will have and achieve in the future.

Beeru Singh said, "No matter how high

up you get, never forget where you came from," and I cannot agree with the words more. In modern society, where happiness is often portrayed as being largely achievable through materialistic means, it is especially important that no matter how successful we may become, or how much money we have, or where we live, we need to remember where we came from. It will keep us in check, keep us human, and keep us humble. I know that we all worked very hard to get here today, particularly so over the course of the pandemic, and regardless of our future aspirations let's not lose sight of who we are, and stay the course. Once a hawk, always a hawk, remember that. WE WILL SOAR!

On that note, I would like to thank today's sponsors, who include wikipedia, sparknotes, and photomath for making all of this possible.

All jokes aside, it is my honour to now send off the graduating class to the real world, and to congratulate each of the graduates once again on this amazing achievement. Be proud of yourselves. May the odds be ever in your favour.

Bence Suranyi, Valedictorian



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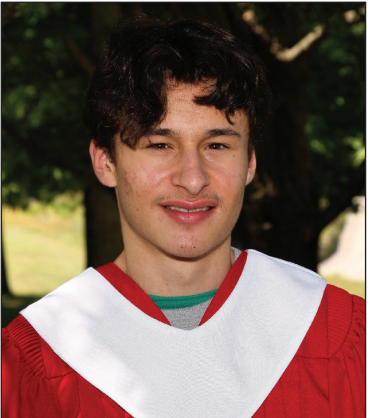
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I extend my congratulations to all 2021 graduates for reaching today's milestone.

It was definitely uncharted water for you, your teachers and your parents, however you earned your diploma - it's YOURS and no one can take it away ---feel proud.

Thank you to all the parents I know. Each graduate has a special story to tell about how important your support has been in getting them to this time of graduation. Thanks to all the teachers, support staff and the leadership of school administration for providing you with the academic tools and guidance to ensure your success.

Graduates, I want you to remember that perseverance, resilience, tenacity and always a glimmer of hope got you through the last 12 to 16 months. Now is the time to "Play It Forward," and use what you learned to the best of your advantage. There are many red lights in our lives, the pandemic being the biggest in our lifetime. How we handle red lights when everything stops is a true test of our character. I learned from a great coach, Lou

Holtz at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana: "It's not the load you are carrying that breaks you down, it's your attitude on how you carry it." Graduates, it is now a green light - step on the gas and "Play it Forward."

Graduates, stay positive find joy and never give up on hope. I ask you to dream more than others think is practical, to expect more than others think is possible, to work harder than the person next to you and believe there is no "extra in the extra mile."

I remind all of you to give thanks to those who gave you their unconditional love everyday. Make sure gratitude becomes a habit you practice for a lifetime -- it will keep you grounded because we all have so much to be grateful for.

Graduates, life is precious, live it to the fullest. Be generous, be caring, speak kindly.

I wish you happiness in your new journey - it's time to "Play it Forward."

Trustee Gary Brohman

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Bence Suranyi

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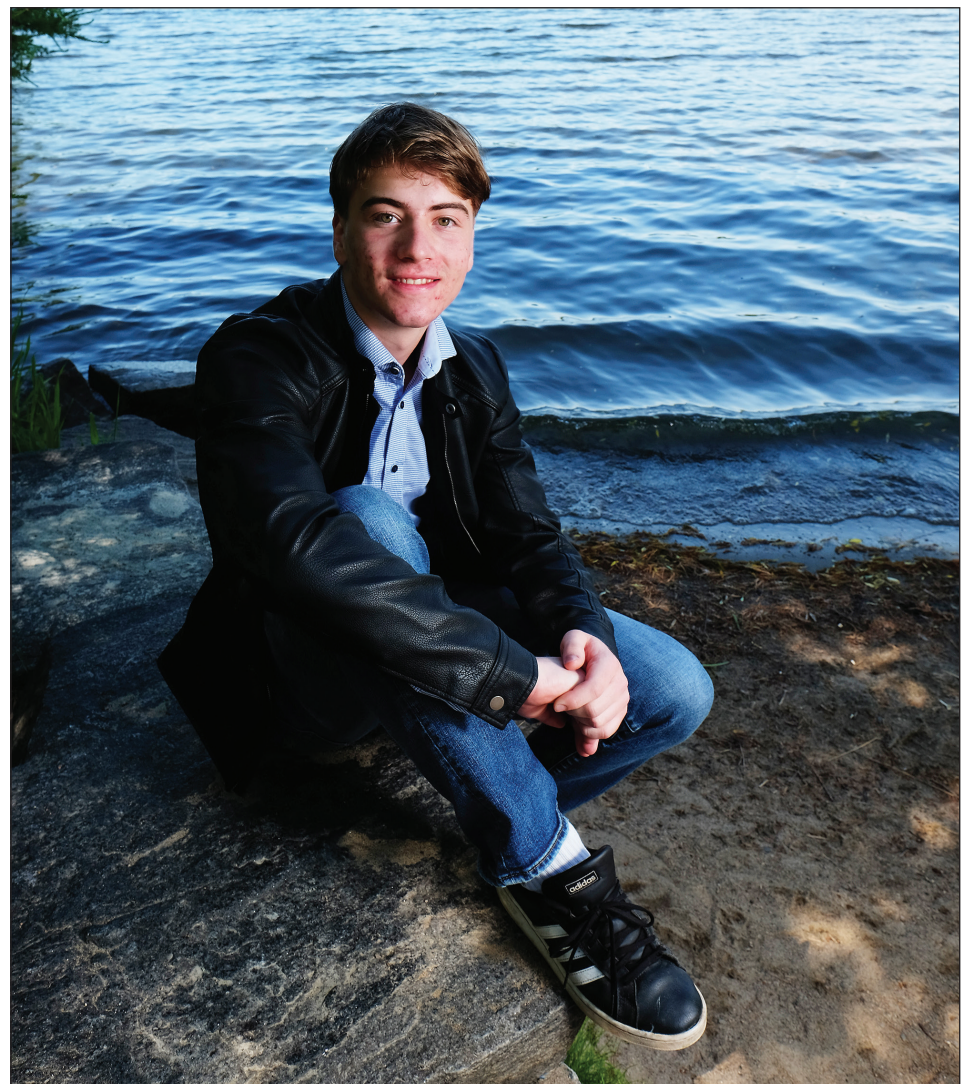
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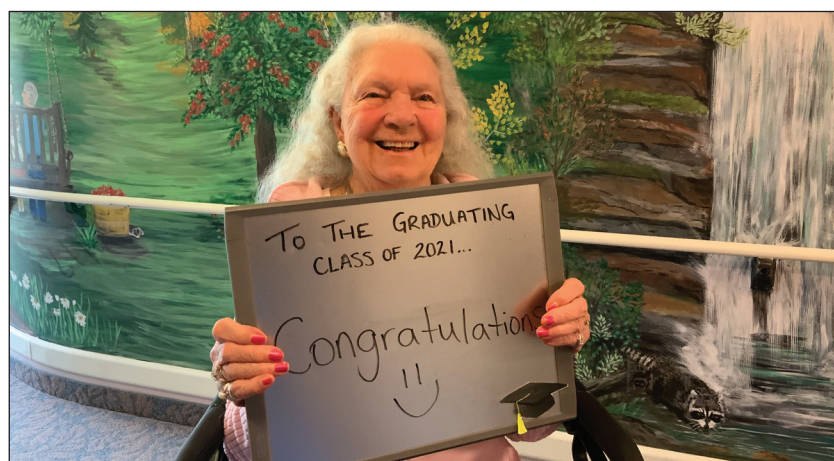
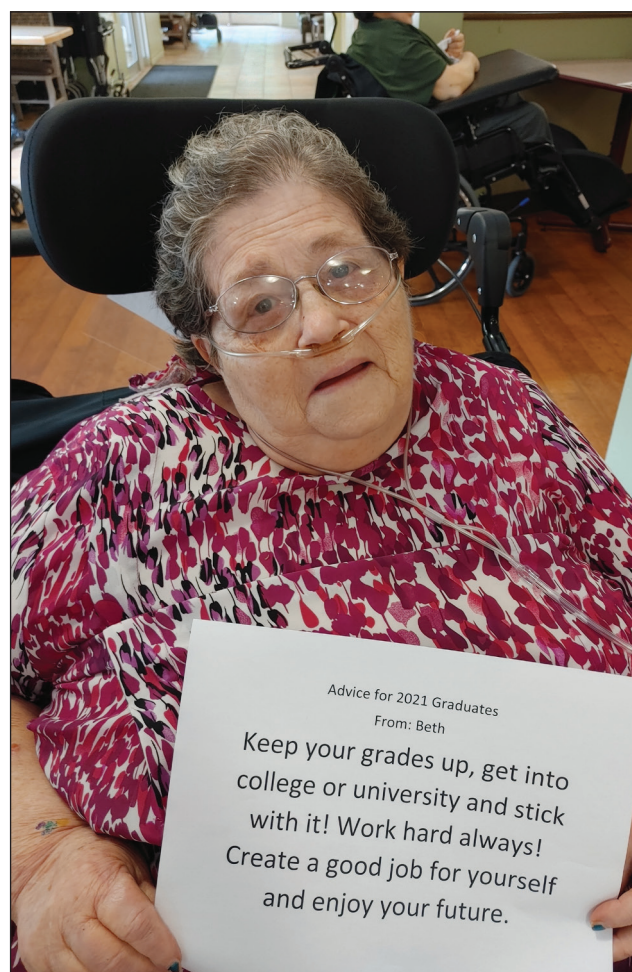
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Words of wisdom and advice for the graduates

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Principal's Message

I am so sorry that I cannot be presenting this message to you in person. The past year has not given us much time to get to know each other in person, however that does not decrease the amount of pride that I have in your accomplishments. High School graduation is such an amazing time in your life. You have overcome so many challenges, with the pandemic adding so many more missed opportunities.

I was a physics teacher before I became an administrator and I am a huge fan of the show Big Bang Theory. In one of the episodes, Leonard, the main character, is invited back to his high school to give the commencement address. Unfortunately, due to weather, Leonard delivers his speech virtually through Skype. He quotes the author of the Wizard of Oz by saying "No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge" then real-

izes how boring his speech is and instead reflects on his high school experience and how his life has become interesting.

I'm telling you this not because I can relate to Leonard in that my address is not in person or maybe a little boring, but because I want you to remember that over the past year you may have been robbed of many things, like social gatherings, haircuts, eating in a restaurant and even a proper high school graduation, but no one can rob you of the knowledge you have gained from walking through the doors of our school. Whether you are heading into the workplace or heading off to post-secondary school, you have the skills and awareness to do great things. Be like Leonard and make your life interesting and know that the AAEC staff and I are so very proud of your accomplishments.

Congratulations and best of luck in the future!

Lisa Uuldricks

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Staff message

It is with heartfelt tears, smiles and good wishes that we send our graduates on their way to their futures. So deserving of what you have earned, experienced and lived through this past year. In thinking of our graduation traditions, including the selection of Valedictorian, we sat amazed at our choices. What leadership, tenacity, dedication and perseverance you have all shown! There wasn't one graduating student that we could omit from our list. So we chose you all. Every one of our graduating students has been through their last couple of years of high school at a time like no other. Lockdowns, isolation, layoffs, illness and loss dominated our county and our country. Much of this year we met from afar, commiserating together and learning together. We thank you for staying in touch, always having a smile for us, showing us your dedication and giving us the gift

of your gratitude.

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End of an era

Halls Lake resident Laura Henselwood gives blood at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton during the last blood donation clinic held in Haliburton on Monday, July 5. The clinic, which will no longer be held in Haliburton due to factors such as collection and cost of labour and transportation, exceeded its target of 58 units of blood with 59. Each unit is 450 millilitres of blood. There were 79 pre-registered for the clinic. There has been more than three decades of donation clinic held in Haliburton. / DARREN LUM Staff

Below, Halls Lake resident Laura Henselwood, who has given blood a dozen times in close to six years, gives blood.



Paying it forward

The Business Improvement Area's administrator Angelica Ingram, from left at front, and president Luke Schell recognized Hudson Henderson Insurance (HHI) owner Darryl Hudson for winning the Canada Day Decorating Contest, as HHI operations manager Margaret Reiss, from left at back, customer service representative (CSR) Cheryl Phillips and Technical Service Representative Pat Elson look on. Originally, HHI won the contest and received a \$100 gift certificate to a BIA restaurant or a salon/barber. They selected Maple Avenue Grill and then matched the value of the \$100 gift certificate through a collection by staff to add another gift certificate and gave away both so two families could enjoy dinner out, who were selected by SIRCH and the 4Cs. Absent for the photo was CSR, Rachel Smith, who also helped Reiss, Phillips and Elson with the display. The top three Canada Day Contest winners included Maple Avenue Tap and Grill and The Haliburton County Echo. /DARREN LUM Staff



HHLT hopes to maintain the Highlands Corridor

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has made an application to the Ontario government to have a swath of natural habitat it is referring to as the Highlands Corridor added to a list of protected land within the province.

Haliburton County councillors heard a presentation from Shelley Hunt of the land trust and Paul Heaven of Glen-side Ecological Services during a June 23 online meeting. As Hunt explained, the federal government has pledged to protect 25 per cent of its land base by 2025, and 30 per cent by 2030. Currently, Hunt said, 12 per cent of land nationally is protected, 11 per cent within Ontario.

"So, there's a bit of a long way to before we hit that 30 per cent target," she said, explaining that the 30 per cent threshold is one that has been identified by scientific experts as being key to sustaining long-term environmental health.

"Beyond just sort of helping to meet those provincial targets, there's [a] lot of great reasons to protect more land in this area," Hunt said, adding some of

those included climate change mitigation, maintaining wildlife habitat and providing connectivity of that habitat.

Much of the habitat included in what the land trust is referring to as the Highlands Corridor lies within the Township of Minden Hills. A series of wetlands, it includes some Crown land, some properties owned by the land trust, and some municipal parks. In total, it would add 70,000 hectares to the province's protected land mass, Hunt said.

"I would like to know specifically what is it that we could do to help your efforts to see some [of] the Crown lands get greater protection?" asked Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Daniels.

Heaven, who noted the project is in preliminary stages with boundaries still being identified, said that at this point generating interest and enthusiasm for project would be helpful.

"We will not be able to [get] provincial interest unless we get local community interest," he said. "We need council on board, we need the community on board."

The land trust's full presentation can be viewed on the agenda for the June 23 Haliburton County council meeting.

U-Links embarks on a new environmental training program

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

The U-Links Centre for Community Based Research enjoyed a successful opening weekend of its new Woodland and Waterways EcoWatch program.

There are two components to the training program. The first took place this past weekend on Sunday, July 11, and was an online session. The online session covered some background and went into the reasons why U-Links runs their program. The second component is an in-person meeting that will occur on July 18. This gathering will "provide practical, hands-on experience and will mimic the steps that will be taken during an actual sampling event," as noted on the website.

"What we're trying to achieve is the increase in ability of locals so they can assist us in the benthic biomonitoring that we do in the county. We're also trying to give the people, who are interested, a background in what monitoring is and what benthic macroinvertebrates are," explains program coordinator Brendan Martin.

He added, "the simplest way to describe them [benthic macroinvertebrates] is that they're the small, spineless organisms that live at the bottom of lakes and rivers, which includes things ranging from snails, mussels, leeches, and worms."

The program allows cottagers, locals, and post-secondary students to participate in their benthic biomonitoring program.

Woodlands & Waterways EcoWatch is operated in partnership with Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College to utilize their knowledge and resource. This will help communities to "monitor the long-term health of the forests and lakes of Haliburton County and the sur-

rounding region."

U-Links is piloting this program and therefore chose to look for just about anyone to join the program.

"We're going to give priority to those who are committed to helping us with the actual sampling in the late summer and fall. But obviously, we really just want to help people understand more about their environment, so realistically anyone can join," said Martin.

Due to COVID-19 and the program being new, U-Links is capping participants at 15. Cottagers, locals, and students submitted applications free of charge and the spaces quickly filled up.

The benthic macroinvertebrates monitoring program offers individuals a unique insight into their environment.

"The program is important because it introduces people to a method of looking at their environment that they may not have necessarily considered before. A lot of people are very familiar with water chemistry monitoring. With this, we're hoping to involve the community a bit more with that similar process," noted Martin.

"Teaching them right from the beginning how we collect the samples, and also giving them that insight and letting them do a little bit of the analysis themselves puts that power back into their hands, as opposed to in the laboratories, or the universities where these things are usually done."

At the end of the training initiative, participants will receive a certificate of completion and will be able to give most of the knowledge back to the community. Participants will be added to a list of volunteers who will assist the community in their sampling efforts come the fall.

If you have any questions about the benthic biomonitoring training plan, contact program coordinator Brendan Martin at bmartin@ulinks.ca.



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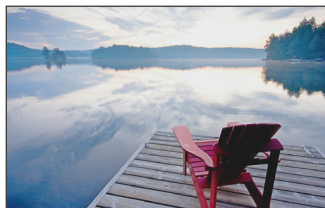
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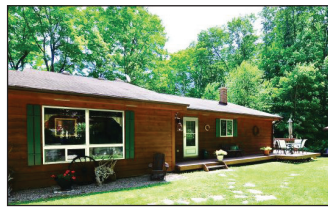
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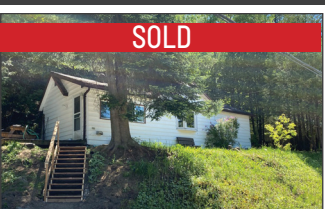
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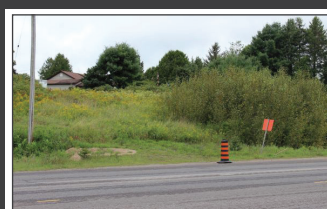
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Disc golf takes root at Abbey Gardens

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The well-known quote by American novelist Harry Leon Wilson, who said, “Golf is a good walk spoiled” never anticipated disc golf would make him so wrong.

Disc golf has been around for more than 40 years and may be similar to golf, but it’s typically set among the woods where the walks between the holes are as much a part of the experience as is the challenge of the game. Rather than using clubs to strike a ball to a hole, players use discs to throw with the aim of getting into a metal chain basket.

Since July 1, Abbey Gardens has been open for disc golf, offering players an 18-hole course, which is set against a hardwood forest, teeming with wildlife, lush with vegetation, emitting the aroma of the woods, and a multitude of shades of colours, all to tickle the senses.

There is an inclusive quality to the course created by course designer and business development officer for Canada Innova Disc Golf, Darrell Bankes, which features distances for beginners to longer distances for advanced players at the former quarry pit.

Bankes acknowledges the public course at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, but said it can’t compare with what’s on offer for the pay-as-you-play option at Abbey Gardens.

“Here’s a full 18-hole disc golf course. There are short and long layouts. Just like a ball golf course. We have a front block and a back block. So beginner players and newer players can have just as much fun here as really experienced veteran players. When people come to play disc golf [here], throwing discs, it’s much better when it’s not in a mixed-use park because if it’s downtown there are kids playing soccer and other things. Here it’s just disc golf and because its pay-to-play we can invest in better quality things, like we’ve got great signage. We’ve got artificial turf tee pads. We’ve got two full layouts that people can play. You can spend a full day here. You’re on a private piece of property that has other amenities.”

The amenities includes washrooms, a brewery, a restaurant and exclusive use of the course on the private landscaped land.

With a decade of disc golf playing experience and also years playing conventional ball golf, Bankes said he appreciates the faster pace of disc golf and the greater potential for shot making, including a lower cost to get into the sport.

“I find it to be a bit more of an engaging and more challenging activity ... you can do things with a disc golf that you can’t do with a golf ball,” he said.

For instance, discs can be thrown so they curve around obstacles and is a welcome challenge for seasoned players like Bankes. He also points out in the woods it’s not unusual to throw a disc that can perform “s-turns.” A decent quality disc is under \$20. There are putting and driving discs.

The challenge with building this 18-hole course was figuring out where holes would go and how to ensure the work required wouldn’t be harder than it needed to be.

“A lot of disc golf is based on playing in the woods, compared to regular golf, which is wide open fairways. People are challenged to throw through the woods, so you’re trying to find routes through the woods that doesn’t involve clearing tonnes of trees, removing big and large amounts of vegetation. You really want to selectively work through the property, so that was part of the challenge,” he said. “A good part of the challenge was



Innova Disc Golf course designer Darrell Bankes demonstrates how to play disc golf at the newly opened 18-hole disc golf course at Abbey Gardens. The new course provides new and advanced players an opportunity for fun and challenge. Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports./DARREN LUM Staff

convincing Abbey Gardens that this is a worthwhile investment in their time.”

He characterized the arrangement with Abbey Gardens as a partnership.

“Innova Disc Golf and myself, we’ve invested in Abbey Gardens to build this course and by charging green fees, we get our investment back over time and Abbey Gardens makes money off of it right from the start,” he said.

There is also a residual benefit to Abbey Gardens, who can expect a greater number of visitors, he added.

“If we can have 20 to 30 disc golfers show up on a day, and they drop by the pub, and they drop by the Food Hub, they blow \$20 there, it’s all supporting the economy,” he said.

This course addresses the boom in demand related to outdoor recreation.

“People are looking to do things. They want to go and try something. Play a game. It’s just like the same group of guys that used to travel for regular golf. We have the same people travelling for disc golf,” he said.

Bankes said the course was designed to offer players flexibility.

“The course is designed that if you don’t feel like you can play the full 18 you can just bail out after four holes and turn around and play one, two, three, four and hop on 13 and go, 14, 15 and 16. You can do a little bit of a shorter layout, but an experience out here ... the hike and getting out on the landscape and seeing all the great things this property has to offer is as much apart of the fun of going on a hike, as it is to play a round of disc golf,” he said.

With just 350 disc golf courses in the country, Canada is a far cry from the hotbeds of the sport. Our neighbours to the south boast more than 8,000 courses. It’s the most in the world, but not the most per capita. There are more than 11,000 disc golf courses around the world, including Ross Island in Antarctica.

Abbey Gardens operations manager Ashley McAllister said having the course is exciting, particularly how it coincides with summer. She added disc golf is an accessible sport and is becoming more and more popular.



Bankes throws his driver disc from a tee pad.

“For Abbey Gardens, disc golf was a great way for us to get more people out into the Big Pit and enjoying the property recreationally. The course also opened up a new area of the property we didn’t really have access to, so now we have a new trail that takes you from the Big Pit and into the woods and meadows toward Irish Line, so you can see these different landscapes and even pass an old log chute, which most of us didn’t even know existed! Ultimately, our goal is to re-green the Big Pit and make it a space where the community can gather, celebrate life events, and of course have some fun. Disc golf is the perfect way to continue those goals,” she wrote in an email.

Before the course opened on July 1, McAllister said the response had already been positive.

The public can purchase or rent discs at the Abbey Gardens’ Food Hub. Course fees are \$10 per person while children 16 and under are \$5 and this will include the rental of a disc per person. Registration can also be performed with an app, enabling players who bring their own discs to be able to play when the Food Hub isn’t open.

Thom Lambert, who is with Haliburton Tourism and a long-time disc golf player, was happy about the new course being added.

“I am delighted to see a new addition to the already rich variety of outdoor adventures in the Haliburton Highlands.

With disc golf being so popular, I believe that this course will become a destination for an entirely new traveller, as well as offering yet another asset for our traditional visitors to experience. It’s a great fit at Abbey Gardens with their already impressive variety of activities and attractions,” he wrote in an email.

As far as long range goals, Bankes said he hopes there will be an established group of players, who can benefit from a membership program. He adds, the plan is to have leagues like a golf club, host corporate events and PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) sanctioned tournaments, including tournaments for recreational players.

“This is really meant to be an economic draw and another activity for the community and also the great thing is because Abbey Gardens is such a public property, it’s really a public park in a way.”

He adds the pressure now is off of the municipality of Dysart to build another disc golf course.

Bankes said the course will not stop when the snow flies because the sport has that attribute of being fun no matter what the weather is like. It all comes down to attitude.

“The quality of the course changes a little bit. It becomes a little more about getting out and having fun, putting your snowshoes on bombing around the place,” he said. “That’s all we can do.”



Raising the bar

Players already registered to represent the Haliburton County Huskies in their inaugural Jr. A season were out on the Gary G. Brohman Memorial Field in Haliburton on Saturday, July 10 as they started their summer fitness training. The organization will hold its rookie camp Aug. 28 and 29, with a view to finalizing a roster in mid-September. The team has organized a pair of exhibition games, taking place at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, for Sept. 18, at 4:30 p.m., vs the Aurora Tigers, and Sept. 25, at 4:30 p.m., vs the Collingwood Blues. The Huskies will kick start their regular season on the road against the Lindsay Muskies on Oct. 1, with their home opener slated for the next night, Oct. 2, against the same opponent. /Submitted



100 Women donate to dental health

The 100 Women Who Care Haliburton executive members, Pat Bradley, from left, Tina Palmer and Sandra Slauenwhite-Box presented the Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) for Haliburton County representative directors Betty Mills, Kathy Purc and Lisa Kerr with a donation of \$6,400 on Tuesday, June 29 in Minden. The donation was made because the 100 Women Who Care members voted to allocate their cumulative individual donations to the VDO at their ZOOM meeting on June 23. The local chapter of 100 Women Who Care members meet three times per year and vote to donate \$100 each to one of three charities selected after an individual from the chosen charities has given a five minute description of the role the charity plays in the County of Haliburton. Local Charities are nominated by members prior to the meeting and drawn two weeks before the meeting. The next meeting will take place in October and new members and charity nominations are always welcome. /Submitted by Lisa Kerr



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NOTICE OF VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

BACKGROUND:

The County of Haliburton has many lakes that serve important environmental, economic and social roles. The health of our lakes is important for residents and businesses.

The County of Haliburton has retained Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd (HESL) and J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. (JLR) to provide independent professional recommendations on a new Shoreline Preservation By-law for the County. This includes a review of the scientific literature related to shoreline preservation, an environmental scan of other municipalities and consultation to gauge residents and stakeholders opinion and feedback.

PURPOSE:

As part of the public consultation process, HESL and JLR are hosting a Virtual Open House to introduce the project and understand the issues and concerns regarding shoreline preservation in the County of Haliburton.

Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic, a traditional "Open House" cannot be hosted at the Town Hall. The "Virtual" Open House will offer the same sort of viewing and commenting experience remotely.

DATE: Thursday, July 29, 2021

PLACE: via Zoom

TIME: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

1. If you wish to speak at the open house, please register by contacting Stephen Stone, Director of Planning, County of Haliburton at ssone@haliburtoncounty.ca
2. If you do not wish to speak at the open house, you can still view the live stream on the County of Haliburton YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/9L797DHe6Tw>
3. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you can watch a recording of the meeting on the County's YouTube Channel and submit your comments to the contacts listed below.

For more information on the matter, please contact:

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Additional information can be found at <https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/living-here/shoreline-preservation.aspx>

It is advised that this Open House will be video recorded and posted on the County's YouTube Channel. Personal information from those that make either an oral or written submission is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 56, and will become part of the public record.

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William Brown, seven, from left, Maddex Reynolds, seven, Ander Brown, four, Imogen Tilford, four, Aviva Tilford, four, work with babysitter Maxeen Smith on solving Haliburton County Public Library's Outdoor Word Search scavenger hunt on Tuesday, July 6 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The scavenger hunt was part of the library's weekly offering at its pop-up programming tent, which are located at branches in Haliburton on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Minden on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in Stanhope from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. There are also maker kits available (library card required), a TD Summer Reading Club and a self-guided story walk at the Dysart branch and Wilberforce branch. /DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton County Public Library branch assistants Rob Muir and Jenn Watt hand out prizes after the participants completed the word search scavenger hunt.

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Haliburton's Turtle Guardians in need of local volunteers

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purposely because they were taught that turtles are useless and pests. Berman points out the government used to have turtle culls.

"The Ministry of Natural Resources years ago used to have a turtle cull, so it was the ministry telling all the anglers and hunters this message and the government made a mistake," she said, referring to the 1930s and 1940s.

The snapping turtle was included as a species of 'Special Concern' under Ontario's Endangered Species Act in 2008, but up until 2017 they could be hunted legally. The snapping turtle requires upwards of 20 years to reach sexual maturity. Haliburton has a snapping turtle celebrity with Grace, the 125 year-old wonder.

Berman said her passion to help turtles started from divine intervention one day while returning home from work.

"When I was 16 coming back from waitressing in Dundas and Hamilton area there was an enormous snapping turtle in front of me, so I [stopped my car and] put on my flashers. A cop came up behind me – it must have been three in the morning [to see] what I was doing so I pointed at the turtle and he said, 'oh.' And then the next week the first turtle crossing sign in Hamilton/Dundas area went up, so that's when I started," she said.

Right now, turtles are just at the end of their nesting season, which is from June to



In June, Minden resident Gaye Botticella sits on the side of the road on County Road 21 in Haliburton, working to help turtles cross the road, with Turtle Guardians. Botticella encourages others to help and ensure the survival of turtles, who face challenges from requiring 60 years to be replaced and are the target of drivers. For more information about Turtle Guardians see www.turtleguardians.com. /DARREN LUM Staff

the start of July. Many of the turtles typically seen crossing roads are females for the most part – at least 60 per cent. The balance are males going to feeding sites.

Anybody can be a turtle guardian, including children, who only need a parent or guardian's permission, Berman said.

There are five levels of guardians you can be.

Level one guardians help to identify turtles and will receive education about turtles with turtle camp. Level two guard-

ians help to monitor wetlands and provide turtle nest protection. Level three guardians conduct road research, turtle tunnels and conservation. Level four guardians volunteer for hours at Scales Nature Park or Turtle Guardians Headquarters while level five guardians perform triage and nest excavation, including helping conduct research and recover turtle populations.

Each level requires specific training to fulfill relevant duties with the goal of helping turtles. Training is provided by

the Guardians.

In June, Berman said the greatest need was for nest sitters and road researchers, which are level two and three guardians. People can walk, cycle or drive sections of roads where turtles are known to cross, and where they often get hit, and patrol the roads and document where they are crossing.

Berman said from her work, "One of the most imperilled species in the world are turtles and the Land Between is one of the last three strongholds for turtles left in Ontario. It's the last place where they have habitat and they are surviving. They would have been as prolific in southern Ontario as they are here now, but all their habitat is gone and they've been decimated."

Turtles are ectotherms, meaning their survival depends on a warm body temperature, which is ensured by acquiring heat from the environment, and this includes snapping turtles and Blanding turtles. The range of turtles is dependent on this and as a result there are less turtles in northern Ontario, where temperatures are cooler.

Even if you're not a guardian, helping turtles get across the road is always needed.

If you see a turtle on the road, Berman recommends using a car mat to safely move turtles off of the road.

"I like to use a car mat and sort of roll it in half and make it into a scoop and then

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Virtanen resigns as tourism director to take on new gig

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This week is Amanda Virtanen's final one as tourism director for the County of Haliburton, as she resigns her post for a position as vice president of a marketing and branding agency.

Virtanen, who started with the county in the spring of 2013 and modernized the marketing activities of its tourism department, will work her final day on June 14.

"I've truly enjoyed working with the many tourism business owners and partners in the Haliburton Highlands over the past eight years. As the community emerges from the pandemic, there's an exciting future ahead with much opportunity for tourism in our region," Virtanen told the *Echo*. "I'm looking forward to the next chapter for me, and truly grateful that I'll be able to continue living and working in the Highlands."

Virtanen created the #MyHaliburton-Highlands brand and the county's tourism strategy, dramatically expanded its digital and social media presence, and oversaw a host of projects and events. As county chief administrative officer Mike

Rutter put it, she re-invented the way the county does its tourism business.

"The county is very sad to see Amanda leave, but we are grateful for all she accomplished in her time with us," Rutter said in an email. "With the support of council and the tourism stakeholders, she was able to lead us through a complete reinvention of how the county showcased the great things we have to offer. We know that many people 'found' the county as a result of her marketing efforts, and we often hear stories of how those short visits evolved into decisions to relocate on a permanent basis. I know we share her pride in those accomplishments, and we continue to benefit from the solid foundation that has been developed."

As for what happens next, Rutter said he and county councillors will be reviewing the position description before proceeding with a recruitment process.

"Whenever we have a vacancy, we take the opportunity to review the mandate of the position and have a conversation about the skill set we will be looking for in prospective candidates," Rutter said. "Council and I are currently in that review process. There is no doubt, however, that Amanda's replacement will have very big shoes to fill."

Public encouraged to take care when attempting to move a turtle

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scoop them off," she said, likening it to a burrito. "You can either scoop them up that way or you can pull them by the back of the carapace or top shell on to the car mat and hold the back of them and pull the car mat and the turtle to get them off the road."

She adds it's important to move the turtle in the direction they were headed when you found them.

"If a turtle is nesting, it will go back to the wetlands rather than across the road," she said.

One of the most common mistakes for people looking to help turtles include lifting a turtle by its tail

Lifting a turtle by its tail will dislocate its spine and can permanently harm a turtle, who won't survive in the wild with those injuries.

For all the conservation efforts, there

are some people who want to purposely harm turtles.

"We know of people who deliberately run over turtles and that carries up to a \$25,000 fine. The MNR conservation officer and us are concerned about that. MNR conservation officers are aware and so are we," she said.

Contact the Turtle Guardians to become a guardian or to ask questions contact The Land Between charity – lead agency for the Turtle Guardians Program at (705) 457-1222 or email info@turtleguardians.com.

For more information about the Turtle Guardians and what they do, or how to volunteer, or donate see the website www.turtleguardians.com.

Anyone needing help with an injured turtle of critical care can contact the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre at (705) 741-5000.

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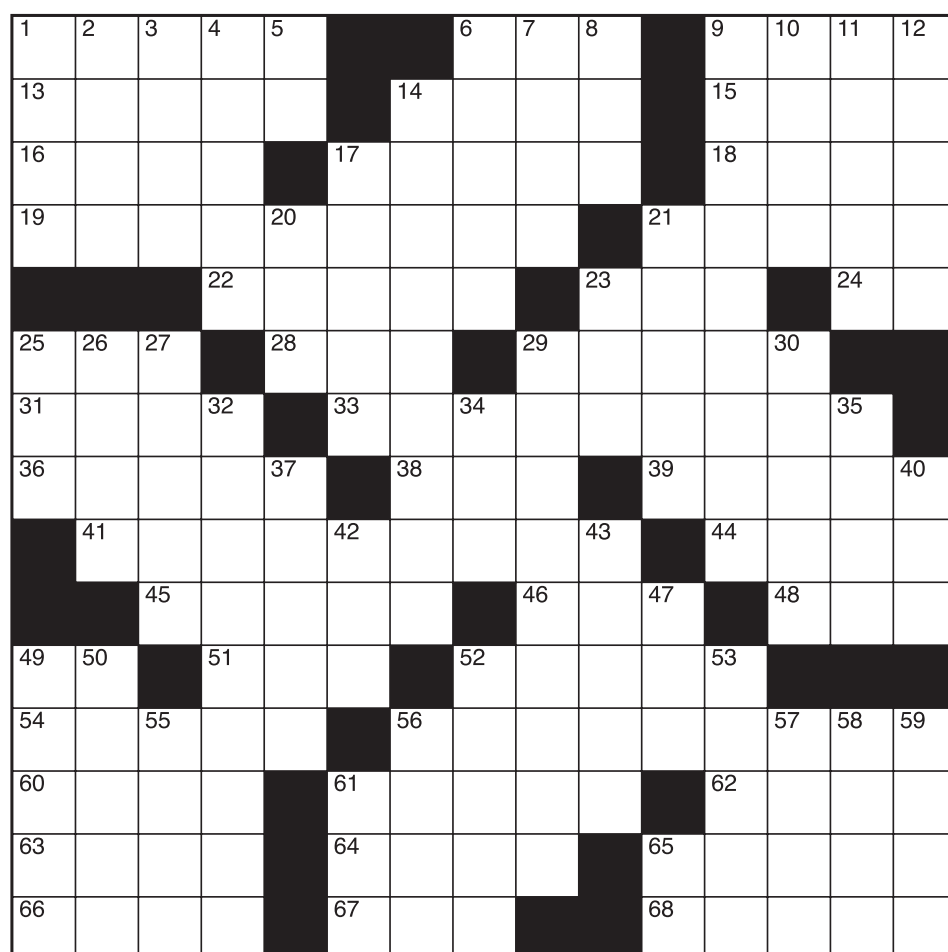


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Haliburton pair Paul and Gerry Espie were the winners of the 1st Early Bird Draw of the Rotary Club of Haliburton's 2021 Annual Car Draw, netting \$1,000. Rotary members David Zilstra, left, and Ted Brandon made the draw on Tuesday, June 29. The 2nd Early Bird Draw for \$500 will take place on July 20. The Grand Prize Draw, where the winner takes home a 2021 White 'Red Line Edition' Camaro LT Coupe valued at \$44,356, will be made on Aug. 4. /Photo by Lorry Brandon



CLUES ACROSS

1. Ponds
6. "Unbelievable" musicians
9. Invests in little enterprises
13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
14. Small sailboat
15. "Luther" actor
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Detects underwater objects
18. Harsh, grating noise
19. Steward
21. Fencing sword
22. Painful places on the body
23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
24. Sodium (abbr.)
25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
28. Small lump
29. African antelope
31. Electronic point of sale
33. Carefully chooses
36. Ringworm
38. Unrefined
39. Drenches
41. Type of pants
44. Son of Noah
45. Spiritual being
46. Upton Sinclair novel
48. Journalist Tarbell
49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)

51. Born of
52. Rich tapestry
54. S. China seaport
56. Being without clothes
60. Surrounded by
61. Remains
62. Away from wind
63. Dried-up
64. One who can see the future
65. A very large body of water
66. Digs up earth
67. Type of screen
68. Old Norse poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Spanish city
3. Sudden, very loud sound
4. Type of chair
5. Tin
6. Sea eagles
7. Broad volcanic crater
8. Some animals have it
9. Ottoman palaces
10. Divulge a secret
11. "A Doll's House" playwright
12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
14. Poisonous perennial
17. Gulf in the Aegean
20. Clothes
21. Chairs
23. Family of regulator genes
25. NY ballplayer
26. Impressive in size or scope
27. Jacques __, Fr. biologist
29. Manhattanite
30. Genus of lemurs
32. Sings to
34. River in southern Italy
35. Supplemented with difficulty
37. Farewell
40. Senior officer
42. Utah resident
43. Begets
47. Boy
49. Violently break
50. Brief appearance
52. Expressed pleasure
53. A light informal meal
55. Fabric with smooth finish
56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
57. Ancient Greek City
58. Close tightly
59. Commit
61. A way to communicate (abbr.)
65. Heavy metal

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Blue green algal blooms and eating fish

As Haliburton County had 11 suspected blue-green algae blooms in 2020, questions have been raised about eating the fish from lakes with suspected blooms. Out of an abundance of caution our local health unit has, for several years now, been recommending not consuming fish from a lake with a bloom.

Initially, the science indicated that the toxins associated with blue-green algal blooms could accumulate in fish organs but there was no conclusive science that the toxins would be present in the flesh of fish.

That has changed, as a few recent studies have now found toxins in fish flesh.

It is important to know that the toxins can detach themselves from the algae and move freely and widely throughout the lake, so the fish may not be safe to eat even in areas of the lake where no bloom is visible and even after the bloom is dissipated. In this article, we provide some highlights from a number of studies and links to those studies.

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Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit:

People not on public water supplies should not drink surface water during an algal bloom, even if it is treated. In-home treatments such as boiling and disinfecting water with chlorine or UV and water filtration units do not protect from blue-green algal toxins. Note: Boiling can cause the toxins to go airborne.

Be cautious about eating fish caught in water where blue-green algae blooms occur.

Source <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/SafeWater>

Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

You can't tell if a bloom is harmful just by looking at it, and you can't easily see all blooms.

People or pets can get sick when they have contact with harmful algal blooms in these ways:

Swimming, kayaking, fishing, wading, or doing similar activities in contaminated water.

Breathing in tiny water droplets, mist, or wind-blown sea spray that contains toxins.

Drinking contaminated water.

Eating contaminated seafood (fish or shellfish).

Source - www.cdc.gov/habs/be-aware-habs

Another source: (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) suggests that toxins can accumulate in fish muscle and can reach levels of concern.

Submitted by Paul MacInnes, chair of the C.H.A..

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On Saturday, July 3, the funeral was held at West Guilford Baptist Church for Rezika Knezevic. Our sympathy is heartfelt for Darko, known to many for his years at his Maple Lake home. His wife had died several years ago so Darko is now doubly bereft by his loss. Rezika had been at Extendicare for several years.

A circus event is to be shown at Abbey Gardens near the brewery on July 16, 17 and 18. Details can be obtained at 705-754-4769.



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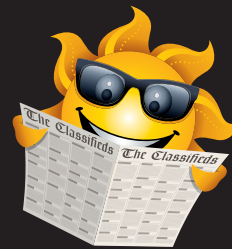
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Beloved husband of Marilyn for 52 years, loving father to Lisa Schell (Doug), Tommy (Marita), and Kimmy. Loving Aggie to Matthew, Jordy, Emery, Kelson and Nicole. Brother to Taran. Tom is predeceased by his parents Thomas and Vera (Miscio), and his infant sisters Catharine-Ann and Ruth.

Tom was an avid hunter and fisherman and could drive a bulldozer like nobody's business. Being in the logging industry for many years, Tom knew forestry like the back of his hand and it's where he loved to spend his time. Tom was always happy and had a joke to tell. He loved being with his family and celebrating life. Tom was a well-respected and loved member of his community. Whether it be the arena or the ball diamond, you could always find Tom cheering on and coaching the players from the sidelines. He was an umpire that no one contested the call. Tom was adored and respected by his family, many friends, and church family and will be missed terribly.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Please Note: Due to COVID RESTRICTIONS there will be a Private Family Service on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at the Funeral Home and a Private Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Please Note # Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, a limited amount of visitors will be allowed in the Funeral Home at one time and all remaining visitors will have to line up outside of the Funeral Home, social distancing with face coverings and lists of attendees, names and phone numbers are required for contact tracing.

Memorial Donations to the Terry Fox Foundation (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family.



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Small libraries to stay open

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Three libraries in Highlands East and one in Algonquin Highlands have been given a reprieve.

On Wednesday county council rescinded its previous motion to reduce funding to only one library branch per municipality.

Three public forums in the winter (two organized by the county and one held by the Algonquin Co-operative Development Corporation) showed substantial public resistance to the idea of closing small-town branches in favour of large, enhanced, centralized libraries.

Highlands East had three of its four libraries at risk while Algonquin Highlands would have had to close either its Dorset or Stanhope branch. Minden Hills and Dysart et al are both in the process of building new larger libraries to replace their single branches in Minden and Haliburton.

Wednesday's move was in support of a similar motion by the county's library board earlier in the month.

"There was discussion around the table at the county library meeting that we had said we would come up with some recommendation to the county council regarding the motion which stands presently for one library per municipality," said Minden Hills Deputy-reeve

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Catch me if you can

There are all kinds of natural wonders to explore during a trip to the Haliburton Highlands but last Saturday it wasn't the area's lakes or forests that caught the eye of young Willow Schwartz of Cambridge, Ont. Instead, it was lots and lots of bubbles, which she enjoyed during a stay on West Gullford's Pine Lake.

It may be a wet summer, but not a record one

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

It's certainly been a wet and wild summer in the Haliburton Highlands, but not one for the history books just yet.

While Toronto may be shattering rainfall records, local weather analyst Phil Graham says Haliburton County hasn't seen nearly as much of the wet stuff in terms of sheer volume.

"They've had a lot more rain down there and more major storms than we have," says Graham, who has been keeping records from his home in Minden since November, 1948.

Around noon last Wednesday Environment Canada declared that Toronto had set a new record for the wettest summer since records started being kept in 1937.

The previous record, set in June and July of 1980, was 271.5

millimetres (approximately 10.7 inches), but with eight days still left in July Toronto had already seen 272.8 millimetres.

Here in Haliburton County the numbers aren't quite so high. By last Friday, Graham says the Highlands have seen 183.6 millimetres (approximately 7.3 inches) of rain this summer, including 109.4 millimetres in June and 74.2 millimetres in July.

In 2007 the numbers for June

were much lower, at 79.9 millimetres, while July was similar to this month with 81.4 millimetres. According to Environment Canada, average precipitation for June is 86.8 millimetres, while July's average is 78 millimetres.

Graham says one of the reasons Toronto's rainfall has been so much higher is that many of this summer's storms have travelled

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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$1,499,000



Custom-built home overlooking prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake. The big-sky lake views from the main floor are breathtaking! This property checks so many boxes: 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms to comfortably accommodate family and friends. Spacious great room with floor to ceiling windows and a cozy fireplace. Kitchen features solid knotty white oak cabinetry, granite counters and an island cook-top, to appease the most discerning of cooks. Master bedroom with a view, private deck, and hot tub. Walkout lower level to heated in-ground pool. 3 bay garage/workshop and so much more! This stunning spa-like property also features one-half ownership of a west-facing waterfront lot with hard sandy entry to Kashagawigamog Lake.

IRONDALE RIVER \$759,000



First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family.

MAIN STREET REZ \$529,000



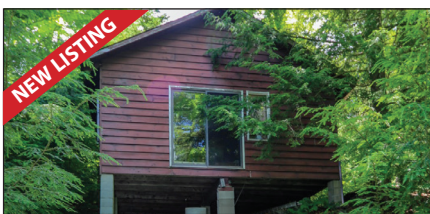
A one-of-a-kind unique investment opportunity currently filling a great need for affordable housing in the community. "Main Street Rez" offers two residential condo units and comes fully rented and provides a substantial income per month for the owner. The 24-hour inhouse maintenance is a bonus, this will keep you stress free from the daily coordination and maintenance of condo ownership.

GELERT ROAD \$499,000



Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home located in the heart of Haliburton. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backyard backs onto the Haliburton Rail Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment – head out your back door, just hop on and go! Convenient low-maintenance home. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Sunroom off the front is a bright and breezy space. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park, this is the perfect spot to settle in. This lovely family home is waiting for you.

TROOPER LAKE \$349,000



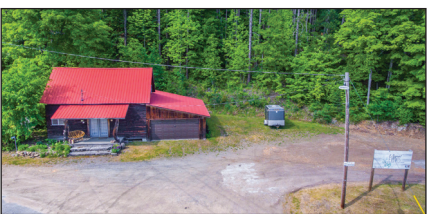
Escape to your cabin in the woods! Traditional 3-bedroom seasonal cottage nestled amongst the trees overlooking Trooper Lake. The open concept kitchen and living room have tranquil lake views. Cute little bunkie provides extra sleeping space. 100 feet of water frontage with ample privacy, private dock. Natural shoreline with deep water off the dock. Great opportunity to get into the cottage market. This property is being sold "As is where is".

CONTAU LAKE ROAD \$329,000



The perfect starter home or weekend retreat! This beautiful park-like setting offers 1.51 acres and a level, open yard. 1-bdrm & 2 baths. Open concept, pine kitchen and living area creates a welcoming space. The main floor also features a 2-pc powder room while the second floor offers one bedroom, a large sitting area with potential to be converted to a 2nd bdrm and a 4pc bath. Recent upgrades include a new propane furnace, steel roof, and hot water tank. Drilled well and septic. The log building is well built and awaits your finishing touches (flooring needed in living room and bedrooms).

COMMERCIAL - EAST ROAD \$135,000



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